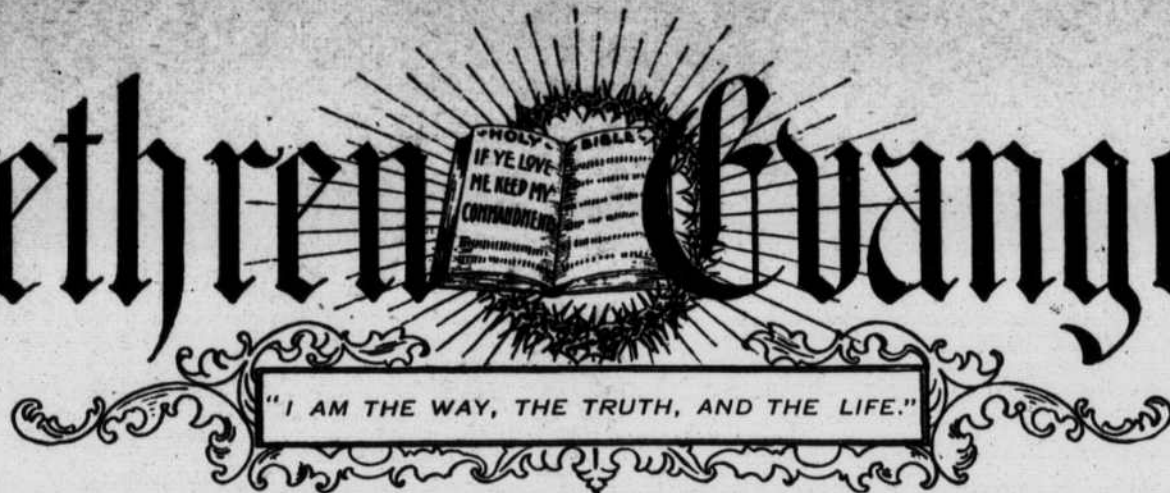


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## Notes and Comments.

THE Summer Normal at Ashland University begins June 11, and continues in session eight weeks.

THERE seems to be some misunderstanding in reference to our offer of *King's Children* as a premium with the EVANGELIST. The offer was strictly conditioned on cash subscriptions at \$1.50 each.

ON page 9 of this issue of the paper we publish a lengthy article from one of our exchanges, on "Religion and Theology." We give it place, because the sentiment is good and the thought one that needs to be emphasized. It is not less theology the people need, but more religion of the genuine article.

THE following letter was addressed to Elder Jacob Thomas by the undersigned. It explains itself: DEAR BROTHER, Without any ill will or ill feeling toward any one in the Dunkard church, or without any dissatisfaction in regard to the doctrine of the church, I hereby request or demand that you erase my name from your church book. I have this day given my name to the Brethren church which holds *God's law—alone—for her creed*; and is free from "MAN MADE" laws. With best wishes, and soliciting your prayers, I am most truly,

EMMA L. BARE.

Bridgewater, Va., April 16, 1895.

THE Brethren churches of Elkhart county, Indiana have an organization which should commend itself to the favorable consideration of the entire brotherhood. The organization is known as the Elkhart Union meetings and is composed of all the churches in the county of Elkhart. Meetings are held quarterly, at which the progress of the churches is reported, and the most advanced methods of church work are discussed. The plan is a good one. It unites the churches in sympathy and work, makes the cause of one, the cause of the other.

### "HE LOVED ME."

BY C. H. BALSBAUGH.

Beloved in the Lord Jesus: Your letter is here. I thank you that you have not ignored I Cor. 9:11, 14. But infinitely more do I rejoice that you are coming back into the conviction that God loves you. I am amazed how many write to me who have lost confidence in the divine faithfulness. Nothing but their consciousness of sin makes them think so. Christianity has been so burlesqued by all sorts of isms that millions of professors know not that eternal life is a gift. Rom. 6:23. God is love, and *not* to love sinners would not be like him. See Rom. 5:8; I Tim. 1:15. You have been long floundering in the "Slough of Despond," and have been for years locked up in "doubting castle," when the door of heaven was all the while standing wide open for your entrance, and all heaven waiting to welcome your return. See how graphically and beautifully a certain poet puts this sublime truth:

"Have you sinned as none else in the world has before you?  
Are you blacker than all other creatures in guilt?  
O, fear not, O, doubt not, the mother who bore you  
Loves you less than the Saviour whose blood you have spilt."

This is the glorious Gospel of the blessed God, offering "all the fulness of the Godhead" in Christ to the chief of sinners. God in the flesh is verily an end

of sin; and nothing less than this is salvation. Although you were possessed with a legion of devils, not one can remain when Jesus enters. Sin makes us shy of God, but his love breaks down all barriers. His grace is sufficient for "the sins of the whole world." The blood of Jesus has efficacy to cancel the foulest outrage ever perpetrated by any man or woman against God. You are by no means an exception to this general amnesty. The door of mercy is never closed against any sinner till it is deliberately bolted by the transgressor himself. No soul ever went to hell save as a spiritual suicide. The humanity of Christ was inclusive of the race and "he tasted death for every man." Heb. 2:9. About the infiniteness of his provision and your welcome to it, you need entertain no doubt. What he asks of you is that you *believe* his great love, *accept* his "unspeakable gift," and manifest it in cheerful obedience for the good of others. There is no true love to God that does not express itself in abounding works in behalf of those for whom the blood of Jesus was shed.

By our works are we known. This is not ordinance and custom, but the exemplification of the types of the Gospel. You belong to God. I Cor. 6:19, 20. He has quickened you with his own life. Eph. 2:4, 5. Now you are ready for service. For every new emergency there is a new endowment of power. The sun is not more open to nature, nor the air to life, than Jesus and the Holy Ghost are open to faith. Bid an eternal farewell to sin, not only in its manifestations, but in all its hidden and subtle promptings. Then ask without hesitation for the fulfillment of Luke 10:19, and Acts 1:8. Just *believe* it *because* it is *written*, without waiting for an antecedent emotional testimony as a reason for believing. Bury yourself in II Cor. 5:14, 15. Do not stop short of I Thess. 5:23, resting your confidence wholly on verse 24. "God is not a man that he should lie." Faith has all the security of John 10:27, 28, 29.